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II. Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (amended) A container having a ring pull with an opening, the ring pull being moveable over an outlet of the container, the opening being sized to prevent the ingress of specific foreign objects into the outlet whilst enabling the contents of the container to be poured out, the ring pull being provided with a pair of depending tangs which project from the underside of the ring pull and into the can and engage opposite sides of the outlet.
2. (original) A container as claimed in claim 1, in which the opening comprises a slot formed in the ring pull.
3. (original) A container as claimed in claim 2, in which the slot is arcuate.
4. (original) A container as claimed in claim 2, in which the slot is elongate and is longer than it is wide, the width of the slot being less than or equal to 3.5 mm.
5. (original) A container as claimed in claim 1, in which the ring pull is moveable from a first position in which the container can be opened to a second position over the said outlet.
6. (amended) A container as claimed in claim 1, ~~in which the opening comprises~~ wherein a recess is formed in an edge of the ring pull.
7. (amended) A container as claimed in claim 1, in which the said foreign objects ~~comprise~~ include insects.

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8. (amended) A container as claimed in claim 1, in which means are provided to fix ~~affix~~ the ring pull permanently over the outlet of the container.
9. (original) A container as claimed in claim 8, in which the ring pull is provided with a tang which engages in the outlet when the ring pull is over the outlet.
10. (cancelled)
11. (cancelled)
12. (new) A container as claimed in claim 1, in which the depending tangs are provided with grooves so that the opposite sides of the outlet are received in the grooves when the ring pull is over the outlet of the container.